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Dear Parents

Holidays during term time

As you know, the law requires that pupils must attend their school regularly. We would not expect you to take your child on holiday or for a period of extended leave in term time. A pupil's absence from school can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only do they miss out on taught lessons, but many children find it difficult to catch up when they return to school.

Below are the amended regulations from the Government which come into force 1st September 2013.

"Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances."

The Headteacher does not have to agree to absence for a holiday or extended leave. You can be sure however, that I will consider your request individually. Where a pupil fails to return promptly and there is no good reason for this such as an illness, we may remove your child from the school roll. This means that your child would no longer have a place at this school.

If you withdraw your child for a holiday/period of extended leave during term time and I have not agreed that absence it will be recorded as unauthorised and will appear in both the school register and in your child's school report.

Working together with you to ensure that your child receives the most from his/her education is our aim and I hope I can count on your support in this matter.

Kind Regards

S Ahmad (Mrs)
Headteacher